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SUMTER MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR TRAFFICKING COCAINE

Columbia, South Carolina – United States Attorney Bill Nettles announced today that Robert James Pearson White (29) was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. White was convicted of conspiracy to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine (Title 21, United States Code, Section 846). Mr. Nettles stated that the substantial drug weight trafficked and White's multiple prior felony drug convictions lead to the life sentence. United States District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie imposed the sentence on Friday in federal court in Columbia, South Carolina.

The investigation and conviction resulted from the cooperation of agents and officers from the Sumter Police Department, Clarendon County Narcotics Task Force, State Law Enforcement Division, and Drug Enforcement Administration. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay N. Richardson.